

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 4, 2010) Police have released the identification of the suspect in today's incident. He is William Elwin Boyd, age twenty-three, from Tazewell St. in Portsmouth. Boyd has been charged with two counts of abduction, one count of rape, one count of sodomy, four counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Boyd has an outstanding warrant on file in North Carolina for probation violation. Additional charges are anticipated to be filed by Portsmouth Police.

One of the victims has been released from Sentara Norfolk Hospital. The second victim is still being treated.

Boyd is still being treated at Sentara Obici. No mugshot is available at this time.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 4, 2010) Suffolk Police are crediting assistance from Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Hampton and Virginia State Police for the apprehension of a suspect that abducted two twenty-two year old females at gunpoint from a parking lot in Portsmouth. Police advise the victims were abducted when returning to their vehicle at the 7-Eleven located on High St at Elm Ave.

The suspect forced the victims to drive to Suffolk. The vehicle was travelling south bound on Whaleyville Blvd., in the area of Whaley St., when it ran off the road and struck a utility pole. The suspect fled the scene on foot.

The victims were transported to Sentara Norfolk Hospital with what are believed to be non-life threatening injuries. One of the victims was flown by Nightingale Helicopter. The second victim was ground transported. The suspect, who was also injured, was observed running into the woods. Police, searching for the suspect, located his shirt and a gun.

Police established a perimeter and searched the area for hours. They were aided by officers from Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Hampton and Virginia State Police both on the ground and in the air. Police alerted area residents via Reverse 911, the Municipal cable channel and social media sites.

A trooper spotted the suspect running back into the woods in the 5000 blk. of Whaleyville Blvd. A bloodhound and its handler from Hampton Police were able to quickly track the suspect with the updated location. The suspect was apprehended at approx. 1:15 p.m.

The suspect is receiving medical treatment. An identification on the subject and charges are anticipated later this evening.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 4, 2010) Suffolk Police are searching the area of the Whaleyville Blvd. accident for a male that fled the vehicle. Police are looking into the report from a female in the vehicle that they were possibly abducted in Portsmouth and forced at gunpoint to drive to Suffolk before wrecking the vehicle on Whaleyville Blvd.

The only description police have is a black male. Police believe that due to the extent of damage to the vehicle, the subject is possibly injured. There is also a possibility he could be armed.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 4, 2010) The detour for this closure is Great Fork Rd. to Mineral Springs and back to Whaleyville Blvd.

Whaleyville Blvd. Closed at Whaley Street

SUFFOLK, VA (July 4, 2010) Whaleyville Blvd. is currently closed in the area of Whaley St. due to a damaged utility pole. The pole was damaged in a single vehicle accident which was reported just after 3:30 a.m. Police are on scene. Dominion Power has been notified and is in route.

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